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TIP TOP VOTE DISGRACES CIO

C. B. Birdsong Is Appointed To WLB Board

Evansville Man Will Help
Settle Disputes in
Four States

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Brother Clyde Birdsong, president of Evansville Local Union No. 215 and secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, has accepted an appointment to the 12-man Regional War Labor Board which has jurisdiction over Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

The board, with headquarters in Chicago, is composed of representatives of labor, industry and the general public, and has as its major purpose the stabilization of wages and the peaceful settlement of labor disputes. Brother Birdsong's appointment was made by Robert K. Burns, the board chairman.

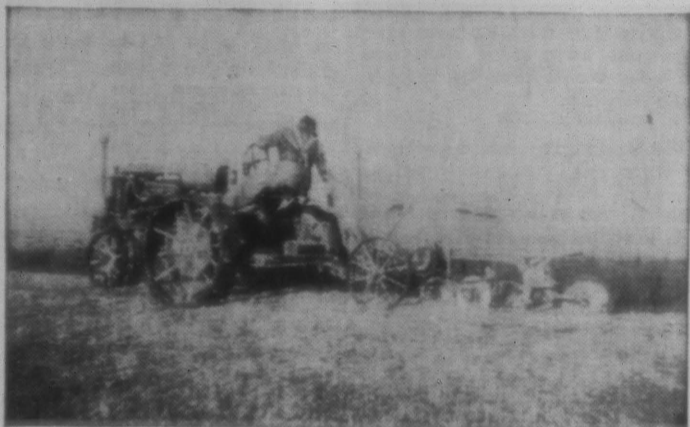
Glad to Serve

"The Teamsters' union is 100 per cent behind the war effort," Brother Birdsong said in accepting the appointment. "I will be glad to serve on the board and I will do my utmost to help speed the day of victory by helping to hold wage controversies and labor disputes to a minimum for the duration."

Acting under policies established by the National War Labor Board, the regional board establishes tripartite panels to hear each dispute which arises in the four states. Each panel has one representative of labor, one of industry and one of the general public as members. The tripartite panel system has been used with great success by the National War Labor Board in settling many significant controversies.

At hearings conducted by the tripartite panels of the regional board, the employer and the labor union involved in disputes appear and present their respective cases. The panel considers the evidence presented, makes findings of facts, and then submits recommendations to the regional board for a final decision and settlement of the dispute.

Fighting in the Battle for Food



There's plenty of work that has to be done on the farm front if we are to win this war, and Brother Harold Spear, an employee of the Indiana Condensed Milk Company plant in Sheridan, isn't losing any time in helping out. After his work day at the milk plant ends at 5 p. m., he swings into action on his farm near Sheridan, as shown above. Brother Spear is Local No. 188's chief shop steward at the milk plant.

THE SECRET NOBODY TOLD

Just before dawn, six weeks from today, United States war and troop ships will slide over the horizon unseen and approach a certain enemy island. As dawn breaks, our warships will begin an intense bombardment while our troops race for the shore in invasion barges. Simultaneously, roaring down on the island, United States paratroop planes will arrive overhead, the sky will blossom with 'chutes and ten minutes later our men will have the surprised enemy's airfield. Six hours later our invading forces will be mopping up, and not too many days later you'll be smiling as you read in the headlines of a United States victory.

But Will You?

But will you? Is that what you'll be reading? Or will the enemy's "bits and pieces" system have done its job? You see ... last Tuesday evening, on a bus, the wife of a shipping clerk in an Iowa drug house remarked to a friend: "We're staying home tonight—Al's tired. He shipped 80 cases of quinine to the Army today."

And in a lot of other places a lot of other people—as Americans always have—talked about their jobs, their friends, and what they were doing.

And now—today—a man is studying those tiny "bits and pieces," those seemingly harmless scraps of information from all parts of the

country. "Quinine for the Army ... the tropics, eh? And 80 cases means a lot of men. Interesting."

From the files under "Sailings,"—a report of two weeks ago. Denver—"... a woman said her nephew John Wycowski, had sailed."

From the files under "List of Men Whose Divisions Are Known"—"... heard girl ask friend, Stella Wycowski, if she'd heard from brother lately. Stella W. replied, 'Yes, he's in Texas with 29th Infantry.'" "So the 29th of Texas has sailed ... could they be going after one of our tropical islands, perhaps?"

All Details Unnecessary

And so he continues, studying, sifting a steady flow of bits and pieces of information. Few pictures are completed to the last detail. But they don't have to be. "Looks like they're after one of our islands. Can't find out which one ... or exactly when. But it must be soon. And it's in the tropics—so it has to be one of these six." So the word goes out. And in that carefully planned attack—about which nobody talked ... very much—many of our ships are sunk by enemy subs lying in wait. Others of our men are thrown back into the sea by numerically superior forces ... our paratroopers and planes are caught by a swarm of fast enemy fighters. And that's what you read

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Teamsters' Union Triumphs As Creamery Workers Snub Agitating Trouble-Makers

Vincennes and Flora Employees Refuse to Be Misled by
Outrageous NLRB-Supported, Jap-Like Tricks; Bal-
lot Nearly 5 to 1 for American Organization

VINCENNES, Ind.—Exactly as predicted, the outrageous raiding tactics of the CIO at the Tip Top Creamery in Vincennes, Ind., and Flora, Ill., resulted in a disgraceful defeat for the CIO. The workers at Tip Top have been members of the Teamsters' Local 417 for better than five years and voted nearly 5 to 1 to stay in their Truck Drivers' union. Never for an instant was there any doubt as to the outcome of the NLRB election which was held in both cities on April 28, 1943.

All that was necessary to cinch the election was to get over to our members the lurid story of the CIO's petty conniving. This was done with a bang in the April issue of THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. Through the good offices of the Indiana State Drivers' Council, the story of the CIO's campaign of falsification was carried in the headlines and on the front page of THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. Plenty of copies found their way into the hands and homes of the workers at Tip Top, and sealed the doom of the CIO in this locality for a long time to come.

Casey Led Campaign

In charge of the entire campaign was J. M. Casey, general organizer, office of General President Daniel J. Tobin. Back in September, 1943, a state-wide call for assistance in this fight was marvelously responded to by every local of Teamsters in Indiana and from Louisville, Kentucky. From then on, the battle subsided to a contest in which the CIO used the NLRB as its most effective weapon. In fact, when the NLRB representative appeared at Flora, Ill., in connection with the election, the Teamsters' steward at the Tip Top plant thought she was a CIO organizer and even inquired to make sure.

Early the day before the election, three individuals appeared at the Vincennes plant handing out literature—two from the CIO and one from the NLRB. Organizer Casey and Business Agent Chas. Miller appeared on the scene just in time to prevent a large group of Tip Top workers from running all three "lying radicals," as they called them, off the street. The men had to be told that one of the "phonies" was an NLRB agent handing out the official sample ballot prepared by the U. S. Government. In astonishment, the men yelled: "My God, is our government playing ball with a crew of lice like that."

NLRB Backed the Scum

This is exactly what the Teamsters' union had to buck for the last eight months at Vincennes. At every important phase of this fight, the NLRB was openly carrying the ball for the CIO. Of course, this isn't news, but the flagrant manner in which NLRB representatives appeared personally with CIO scum, shows to what extent the un-American elements in the NLRB will go to vent their spleen against the truly American Teamsters' union. In this light, the victory at Vincennes was really great and of national import.

One other national lesson must be noted here. While the CIO was raiding the Teamsters at Vincennes, they were offering the olive branch of peace in other important national centers—a gesture painfully reminiscent of the NIPS at our American capital voicing peace proposals while the knife sunk deeper and deeper into the American back at Pearl Harbor. As far as a sincere labor peace is concerned, the letters CIO might just as well be NIP and to complete the picture the NLRB could be known as the Nipponese Labor Relations Board.

We Have a New Deadline

THE INDIANA TEAMSTER will be published hereafter on the 10th day of each month. The deadline for news copy will be on the 5th day of each month.

This newspaper is more than anxious to receive all kinds of news, poems, jokes, gossip, and almost everything else. When you help the paper by sending in items for publication you do all of the other teamsters in the state a favor. THE INDIANA TEAMSTER is the voice of the Teamsters of Indiana.

Send your news contributions before the 5th of the month to the secretary of your local, or to whoever has been designated by your local to serve as a reporter for THE INDIANA TEAMSTER. If you wish, you may send your contributions directly to the editor, 28 West North St., Indianapolis.

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The Answer Is "Yes"

Does John L. Lewis know that the United States of America is fighting for its life?

Is he aware of the fact that American blood has been spilled in many battlefields, and that much more is certain to be spilled before the conflict ends?

Does he realize that those young men who have given their lives for their country have done so to protect the privileges of free Americans, one of which is the right to join labor unions and to bargain collectively to improve their working conditions?

Has he considered the effect of the coal mining crisis on the morale of Americans, particularly the members of the armed forces who know that their chances of survival are lessened every time he opens his big mouth?

Does he realize that the truce he signed with the United States government was an admission that he had started a war against the United States?

Is he conscious of the fact that his actions affected adversely every working man and woman in the country?

Is he aware that if the miners are given the \$2-a-day wage increase which he seeks for them that they and all other working persons will lose much more than \$2 a day through inflation that would be an inevitable result of the giving of such a wage increase?

Does he realize that he is organized labor's greatest enemy?

Is he aware that Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini must regard him as one of their closest friends?

WE BELIEVE THAT THE ANSWER TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS IS A LOUD "YES."

Is The Man Beside You A Member of the Union?

Brother Teamsters: Is the man working beside you a member of the Union?

Is he complying with the agreement which we have with the employers? Is he doing his part in keeping our organization strong and healthy?

It is very much to your interest and it is no small part of your duty as a Union man to find the answer to these questions. These are times of emergency. There is a tremendous labor turnover. Strangers appear from nowhere and go to work, only to depart without notice and seek jobs elsewhere. It is utterly impossible for the officers of your union to check every job, every day. But you can do it.

How about the man working at your side, or sitting beside you on the truck?

It is your right to know if he is a member of the Union. Ask him.

If he is a member, get better acquainted with him. Make him feel that we have an interest in him, that we want him to become a real part of our organization. Show him that this organization of Teamsters is founded on ideals that will outlive the war and that will go far toward insuring a better world with more good jobs, when peace comes.

It will take no time, it will prove no inconvenience if you will take this simple duty on yourself. And it will help keep your Union strong and able to protect you, and the man working next to you, against selfish interests. Check your job. Will you do it?

Is the man working next to you a member in good standing?
—Washington Teamster.

TEAMSTER TIPS FROM 364

By GEORGE B. CAMPBELL

Business Representative William Hansen reports negotiations still are being carried on with Drewry's Brewery for a new agreement, and also for an agreement for all the local bread, cake and pastry drivers.

Business Representative Lester Gibson of the Freight Division is back on the job after several weeks of special work in Terre Haute. Brother Norman C. Murrin has transferred to Local No. 144 in Terre Haute under orders from Acting President Thomas E. Flynn. Any friends who wish to communicate with Brother Murrin should write him in care of Local No. 144.

We received an interesting short letter from Capt. Earl J. Kelter, formerly a business representative of Local No. 364, who is serving in Africa. He begs President Walter E. Biggs to send him a blank charter, saying that the Africans need organization badly. And we might add that if Earl didn't have more important work to do right now, he sure would love to organize those Africans.

We again take this opportunity to point out, particularly to our members, but for the good of all members, and especially to those who have become members within the last two years, that they should regard and sustain their obligation more seriously.

Naturally in this day of manpower shortage, when there are more jobs than men to go around, a premium wage will be paid, often in excess of your union contract scale, but you know as well as we do that if the war should end tomorrow, the ax would fall first on the unorganized, and those persons who are proclaiming today that they don't need our union or any union to get them higher wages and good working conditions, would be crying for organization.

I say that if you needed your union on the way up, you'll need it five times as much when the industrial going gets tough. It's just the old law of supply and demand, and the employer who in some cases is so ardently wooing his employees today will do just the opposite if he gets the opportunity. So, by all means, retain the proper respect for your organization; give cooperation in all its activities. Then you will reap the benefits at a time when you need the protection most.

Speaking of Business Representative Bert Snyder, who like your correspondent has swapped a comb and hair brush for just a towel, we would like to remind him that we told him the location of the horse meat market in South Bend, and, in return, would like to have him tell us where we can find some potatoes in Goshen.

President Biggs arrived at the office with a thumb half sawed off. Wonder what he had been doing? Possibly he was hitch-hiking and stuck his thumb too far in the street, or perhaps he was sawing a ham in two. Well, anyway it's a sore thumb.

Florence, one of our capable office girls, keeps reminding me, now that the fishing season is here, that she likes fish. I'll do the best I can, but those pesky fish are getting harder to catch now that we are fishing in earnest to try to meet the meat shortage.

The construction men who are members of our local are being kept quite busy these days. We have a new job at Studebaker Aircraft, some road work, and a new job is breaking at the Studebaker proving grounds west of South Bend.

NOTE TO OUR MEMBERS: If you hear from any of the boys in service who formerly were members of our local and you have any-

We Believe

By RUTH TAYLOR

"There is no atheism in the fox holes." To my mind that ringing sentence which came out of the battle fields of the South Pacific is one of the most soul-stirring slogans of the war.

Years ago I heard it phrased slightly differently. One day in mid-ocean when there was a heavy sea rolling steely gray to meet a slightly paler sky, a ship's doctor said to me: "No man who follows the sea can be an atheist. Those who live amid storms cannot help but believe in God."

If this war, to which we are giving all that we hold dear, were but a struggle between rival nations for power and land—an enlarged gang warfare—there would be no hope for the future. The darkness would cover the earth and it would be as it was before the beginning of time.

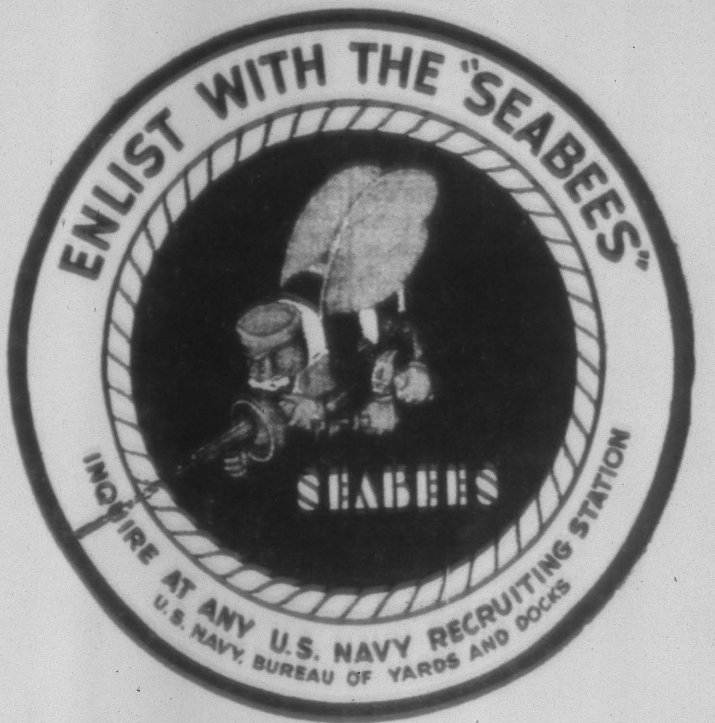
But it is not that kind of a war. This is warfare between those on the one side who believe in God and in the God-given rights of man and those on the other who deny both the sovereignty of God and the free will of man.

In this world there is not sufficient room for those who believe in the dictatorship of the few and the enslavement of the many, to dwell side by side in amity with those who believe in a monotheistic doctrine—whether they be called Protestant, Catholic or Jew. The two methods of life are diametrically opposed to one another and there is no common meeting ground.

We will win this war because "we fight on God's side," to use the great phrase contributed by an American Negro. All of us have been brought up to say, whether it be in cathedral, church or synagogue—"The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" We are not fighting from desperation, with secret police dogging our footsteps and a firing squad ever ready for its hapless victims. We are fighting voluntarily that we may live as free men—free to carry out the will of Him whom all of us worship though in divers ways.

We are a God-fearing nation—not fear in the sense of terror, but in a spirit of reverence. We owe allegiance to a God of mercy, to a God of justice. We fight on His side for the liberation of oppressed and subjugated people. We fight that peace may come again to earth and that children the world over may have a chance to grow strong and healthy in both body and mind, learning to put God before man-made rulers, to obey His Commandments and to put into practice that other Commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

No, there is no atheism in the fox holes. And when the powers of evil are at last vanquished, God grant that the great upsurge of faith will show us the way to make an everlasting peace in which all men will live as brothers acknowledging the fatherhood of God!



Richmond Local 691 Says Hello

By WAYNE STINSON

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF LOCAL NO. 691 WILL BE AT 9:30 A. M., SUNDAY, JUNE 13, IN THE EAGLES ANNEX, SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, RICHMOND, IND.

Local No. 691 had its May meeting on the second day of the month because of the fact that the second

thing of interest about them that you would like to have appear in this paper, please get in touch with me at 3-5133, or leave the information with either of the girls at our office. We will be glad to send a copy of this paper to the boy or boys you called about. Thank you.

Sunday of the month, the regular meeting date, was Mother's Day.

The contract of Local No. 691 with the Calvert Distilling Company, Joseph E. Seagrams, Inc., and the Carstairs Distilling Company has been opened for negotiations in the hope of obtaining some changes which will benefit employees.

Gene Horner, formerly of Local No. 691, stopped in the office the other night to say "hello." He is stationed at a camp some place in Texas.

Flames destroyed the I. R. C. & D. Terminal in Richmond on April 20. The terminal is continuing operations at a new location on Second Street.

David Cash, president of Local No. 691, has taken a better position at the Wernle Home. He is driving the school bus.

FLASHES FROM FORT WAYNE LOCAL 414

By PAT HESS

REGULAR MEETINGS OF LOCAL NO. 414 ARE HELD AT 2:00 P. M. ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH.

An anti-labor pamphlet which attempted to show why a Christian should not join a labor union appeared in Fort Wayne recently. The pamphlet was prepared and distributed by A. E. Sprunger, 816 West Superior Street, Fort Wayne, who later was contacted by a member of organized labor.

The pamphlet tried to misinterpret the Bible for the benefit of labor's enemies; but, in view of statements which have been made from time to time by Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders, it was evident that Mr. Sprunger was not speaking for the churches as a whole.

Here is the wording of the pamphlet:

WHY A CHRISTIAN SHOULD NOT JOIN A LABOR UNION

1. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." II Cor. 6:14.

2. There should be no outside influence or coercion in regards to wages, but any contract or agreement should only be between employer and employee. Matt. 20:1-15.

3. We should have liberty and freedom to work where and for whom we choose, as any contract spirit is the same as that of the Anti-Christ, and no Christian wants anything to do with the spirit of Anti-Christ. Rev. 13:16-17. Cannot do business without the mark of the Beast. Closed shop is the same principle.

4. There should be no action of law, or physical demonstration by a Christian, even if the employer is unjust. The Lord is the One to whom the Christian should go to for help and for guidance. James 5:1-9; Romans 12:17-21; I Timothy 3:3.

5. The Christian is not interested in high wages, but only that he has the needs of his life supplied in regard to his family, and also in the things which the Lord would have him to do in His service. So the Christian is always content, knowing that the Lord will lead him to a position where he can make more money if that is necessary, or will send in the necessities some other way, for the Lord is not limited, but has many ways of looking after His children. Matt. 6:25-34; I Timothy 6:6-12.

By A. E. Sprunger, 816 West Superior Street, Fort Wayne, Ind. The following is a recent statement made by Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders:

THE CHURCH SPEAKS OUT FOR LABOR

1. "Moral Duty to Join a Union. It is the moral and religious duty of a worker to join a labor union. It is because of the concern of religion for justice and social welfare that church bodies have for 30 years officially declared for the right of employees as well as employers to organize. Such a belief issues in a demand for democracy, both in political and industrial relations. This leads to the organization of workers in order that they may have a recognized voice in determining the conditions under which they must live and work.

2. "A Regime of Social Justice. During the past half century only a small fraction of our working people were ever united in any worthwhile labor organization. This situation was agreeable to the majority of the owners of wealth and employers of labor. It was economic slavery for the workers. Literally millions of semi-skilled and unskilled wage earners are enrolling under the banner of organized labor. It is the duty of working people to join a bona fide labor union for mutual protection and progress. They must organize for their own sake and for the welfare of their families, their community and their nation. Only a strongly organized and well-directed labor movement has any hope of eliminating industrial conflict and economic immorality.

3. "Religious leaders of all faiths

War Labor Board Grants Wage Jumps to 300 Truck Workers Who Are Members of Local 215

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Approximately 300 members of Local Union No. 215 who are engaged in city pickup and delivery, and dock and warehouse work have been granted wage increases ranging from 10 to 15 cents per hour by the War Labor Board's Trucking Commission.

Brother Clyde Birdsong, president of the local, announced that the wage jumps would be retroactive to last November 1.

In approving a contract agreement for the trucking company employees the Trucking Commission directed that the employees should receive one week's vacation with pay, Brother Birdsong reported.

HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME?

About twice as many persons are killed in their homes as in all occupations. Make your home safe for your family and yourself.

LaVerne Collins, Local 135 Member, Dies in Service

LaVerne Collins, 21 years old, of Indianapolis, a member of Local Union No. 135, has been killed in action in the North African war theater, his parents have been advised by the War Department.

Mr. Collins is the first member of Indianapolis Teamsters to be officially reported as killed in action in the war. A former employee of the Cushman Motor Delivery Company, he joined Local No. 135 in July, 1941, and was inducted into the army in October, 1941.

have gone on record many times in support of collective bargaining through union organization. They see, in their daily contact with their congregations, what low wages, long hours, and economic insecurity mean in terms of human misery. They realize that genuine social justice, a fundamental principle of all religious teaching, must be put into action in our world today. They recognize the only possible way of putting this principle into action—by means of collective bargaining by the workers through unions of their own choice."

A writer in the official organ of the United States Chamber of Commerce says: "It is not likely that labor organization will weaken in the years to come. Rather it will grow stronger. Under those conditions, is it not wise to work with that agency so that it may function as constructively as possible?"

Approximately 153 city local cartage and dockmen are awaiting the War Labor Board's decision on their contract. This contract was agreed upon by the operators and the union last November.

Operations at the Kenosha Drive-away have been resumed after a one-year closing.

The Taxicab Drivers' Union, Local No. 414, has 22 women drivers employed at present.

Jim Johnson, steward at Howard Sober Driveaway, has joined the Seabees and is located at Norfolk, Va.

The city sewer and street department drivers and helpers seem to be pretty happy since they received their new increase and two weeks' vacation with pay.

Gus Stanger, steward at the National Mill and mayor of Waynedale, is putting out a real victory garden.

A BIG SAVING

Government regulation of inter-city bus operations is saving more than 14,500,000 tire miles a month.

In the Know With Kokomo

By O. B. CHAMBERS

LOCAL 759 MEETS AT 8 P. M. ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE LABOR TEMPLE, 512 EAST SYCAMORE STREET, KOKOMO, IND.

Organization of the Armour Creamery employees in Rochester, Ind., is coming along fine. There is to be a certification by the NLRB granting Local No. 759 bargaining rights for all employees. The employees are signed 100 per cent. Contracts approved by the employees have been presented to the company.

We have back from the army, Russell Arthur, commonly known as Buck, who has gone back to work at the Ross Transit Company, taking over the steward job. He also is a trustee of Local No. 759. We are glad to have Buck back, as he is a faithful worker.

Several men who are serving in the armed forces have visited us during the last month. They are always welcome, and we are glad to hear from them.

We have started to organize employees of the Victory Ordnance plant at Mexico, Ind., who are under our jurisdiction. At present we have the truck drivers signed.

The Vogel Construction Company has resumed work at the Kokomo airport, and most of the men who were employed there last year have returned to their former jobs.

Members should have no difficulty in finding the local office in room 436 of the Armstrong Landon building, as we have put some new signs on the door.

It looks like it won't be long now for Lee Lantz, as he has been reclassified and placed in 1-A.

We have lost another of our good members. Maurice Jenkins, a steward at the Naval Air Base, has been called into the navy.

Our general meeting on May 1 was well attended. Members had expected that their old friend, Acting President Thomas Flynn, of the International, would address the meeting. Because of the press of his work with the International, Brother Flynn was unable to attend, but he has assured us that he will make every effort to attend our next meeting on the first Saturday night in June. We hope to have a large attendance for this meeting.

Between Victory gardens and office work, the office girl of Local No. 759 is being kept unusually busy these days.



By Al Lindahl

Apr. 19—Back from a fine vacation and ready to tackle the old job for another year. Joe Takacs did a good job while I was gone. I knew it was in you, Joe.

Apr. 20—The fellows around the plant have not turned in any dirt as yet so I will start with the lies and what-nots I have listened to.

Apr. 21—Joe Takacs and Jack Mossman claim that Vic DeClark doesn't know the difference between two or three points in a game of euchre. Why do you do that, Vic?

Apr. 22—Stanley Robak, Walt Bartz and Red Higgins, the local spend-thrifts, should come in to the Lincoln Way Tavern some time when I am on duty and show that Drewry's are out plugging and still making friends.

Apr. 23—Doc Dixon, the distributor from St. Joe, Mich., owns a sandwich shop. With rationing getting tighter, and red and blue stamps getting scarcer, look out, Doc, we may be up to see you. Is our credit good? We hope.

Apr. 24—Uncle Sam finally caught up with Clem "Sam" DeKa for a blood test and all they can find is bourbon.

Apr. 25—Did you find any eggs in your bed? I did.

Apr. 26—Polish Fourth of July and most all of the boys reported for work in a sober condition which goes to show you that the best bet over the bar is "Make mine Drewry's."

Apr. 27—The call is out for a general meeting for the coming Sunday in regard to our new contract. We sure hope that everybody is Kosher.

Apr. 28—Just heard from Louisville, Ky. The Brewmaster's condition is so much improved that you shouldn't be surprised if he wheels in almost any day.

Apr. 29—Tom Hedrick has had a headache for the last three days and it has all been in the bottle shop on that repair job.

Apr. 30—If you fellows think for one minute that you are going to get concessions on the new dressing rooms in the bottle shop you had better consult Able Helmick, Mike Oklak and Bill Cleary as well as your reporter—I have the inside track on all supplies.

May 1—"Stu" Lewellyn Stebbins from the famous Madden Distributing Company of Grand Rapids, Mich., is, as "Bob" Madden, the broken down semi-driver owner says, the local female hitch-hiker's angel if they work in a tavern or have enough dimes to spill a bottle of "Drewry's" for him.

May 2—Red "Tin Can" Marley is so busy driving between Chicago and Mishawaka in regard to that new car that he doesn't have time to drink a beer.

May 3—Sorrow in the ranks and you can ask Bobbie Singleton how Vic DeMeyer looked when he called for a doctor.

May 4—Eddie Roytek is going back to work on the keg dock since Bill Hansen is on him for the shipping dock superintendent.

P. S.—Many of us are saving lots of money through our purchases of War Bonds. Never shirk buying your share. Buy, Buy, Buy, and keep Buying.

Truck Drivers Surprise Nazis With Night Thrust in Tunisia

VINCENNES LOCAL 417 REPORTING

By STANLEY CRAWFORD

LOCAL NO. 417 MEETS AT 7:30 P. M. EACH WEDNESDAY AND AT 10 A. M. ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 417 1/2 MAIN ST., VINCENNES, IND.

Local No. 417 wishes to thank Brother Joseph M. Casey, International representative, of the office of General President Daniel J. Tobin, for his advice and cooperation in connection with the Tip Top Creamery election, which was won by the local.

We wish also to thank Duane Rodarmel for his untiring efforts in behalf of the local in connection with the election.

WE MUST COME ACROSS OR THE AXIS WILL! BUY MORE WAR BONDS.

Jim Cannon, a charter member of Local No. 417, has transferred back from Evansville and is employed at George Field.

We have 64 members on our honor roll of men who are serving in the armed forces.

Charles Miller, the business agent, has been kept busy with the auxiliary flying field.

Alleghany Flip Grider is praying for another trip to Pittsburgh, Pa. We wish you luck, Flip.

Edgar Richardson, former business agent of Local No. 417, is employed at the shipyards at Evansville.

The men who drove the trucks did themselves proud when the "Fighting First" Infantry Division took Gafsa in a surprise attack, a report from the fighting front in Tunisia to the War Department has disclosed. Many of these truck-driving soldiers were truck drivers in civilian life.

They pushed their trucks over 45 miles of "No Man's Land" during a night advance in pitch blackness. Enemy security detachments north of Gafsa were overrun quickly in this movement, which the report said was "executed with effective coordination."

Infantry regiments quickly unloaded from trucks to their final jump-off lines. Preliminary American air attacks were held up momentarily by ground mists, but air and ground units soon were fighting as one group, and the infantry advanced to complete the swift seizure of Gafsa.

It was the speed of the attack that took the enemy by surprise, the report emphasized.

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Rickenbacker Is Given Strong Rebuke for Attacks on Labor

Brother Emmett J. Williams Receives Praise From Wendell Lund for Help in Arranging Mass Meeting of Workers

It's too bad that Eddie Rickenbacker wasn't in Indianapolis recently when members of organized labor from throughout Indiana gathered here to hear the truth about labor's record in the nation's war program.

Speakers including Wendell Lund, head of the War Production Board's labor division; Governor Henry F. Schricker; a Navy hero from a torpedoed ship; a Merchant Marine hero from another torpedoed ship, and a soldier and a member of the Army Air Forces who were wounded at Guadalcanal, made Rickenbacker look horribly silly.

Many Unions Represented

The mass meeting was arranged by the Indianapolis United Labor Committee for Victory, an organization representing the AFL, the CIO, the Railroad Brotherhoods, and unaffiliated labor unions.

Brother Emmett J. Williams, president of the Indianapolis Joint Council of Teamsters No. 69, is a member of the committee and took a leading part in the planning of the meeting. Appreciation of his efforts was expressed in a letter sent to him by Mr. Lund.

Name Not Mentioned

Rickenbacker was not mentioned by name during the meeting, but statements which he had made a short time before in a talk here about "slow production, idleness and horse-play" were exposed as utterly ridiculous.

The labor movement, lauded instead of spanked, felt better, and was inspired to intensify its efforts to speed war production. The harm which Rickenbacker had done to the morale of workers was erased entirely.

The letter sent to Brother Williams by Mr. Lund was as follows:

"Dear Mr. Williams:

"I want you to know how pleased I was with the United Labor for Victory Rally in your city. I felt that the program was well arranged and presented, and that the interest that labor manifested in the meeting was a clear indication of the cooperative spirit existing between the various labor groups in Indianapolis.

"In my visit to two Indianapolis war plants, I also found that labor and management are working together with fine spirit to produce the largest possible amount of war materials in the shortest time. I know that this relationship is due in large measure to the leadership that you and others have given labor organizations in Indianapolis.

"On behalf of the War Production Board, I want to thank you for your part in speeding war production as well as for your participation in the United Labor for Victory Rally.

"Sincerely yours,
"WENDELL LUND."

The Secret Nobody Told

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about—unsmiling—in your morning paper.

That story is fiction, of course. But it's true in this way—that's actually how enemy agents work in this war.

Ordinary little facts, you see, the kind of things anyone might know, such as a soldier's location; where he is, where he's going, how or when . . . may supply the missing pieces in the enemy's jig-saw puzzle.

The enemy can't be everywhere. So the enemy's depending more than ever on his "bits and pieces" system for finding out about it later. But he won't find out . . . if we don't tell him.

DEMOCRACY HOPE OF PROGRESS

If human dignity is to be preserved, if essential liberties are to be maintained and mankind is to go forward and not backward then it is to democracy we must look.

—Dr. Harry E. Fosdick.

NEWS BULLETIN FROM LOCAL 543

By GLEN H. RABANUS

LOCAL NO. 543 MEETS ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH IN LAFAYETTE, AND ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH IN FRANKFORT. DAIRY EMPLOYEES MEET ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

The Sunshine Milk Company of Lafayette has signed an agreement with Local No. 543 to give an 11-cent-an-hour wage boost to all plant employees. War Labor Board approval of the agreement is needed.

Also awaiting WLB approval is an agreement to increase wages of dump truck drivers 6 cents an hour.

A 14 per cent wage increase, which is above the "Little Steel" formula, has been approved for employees of the Lafayette Ice and Coal Company.

Approval also has been given to a 5-cent-an-hour increase for employees of the A. E. Kemmer Building Supply Company, and a 4-cent-an-hour increase for employees of the Kessener Lumber Company.

Ivan C. Grenat, president of Local No. 543 for several years, was called to duty with the Seabees on April 1 and is in training at Camp Peary, Va.

Otto "Butch" Copas, vice-president of Local No. 543, has been seeing plenty of action in the South Pacific war theater.

Writing from Guadalcanal, where he has been stationed for three months, he reported that "I am using my fox hole for a bedroom."

"I got myself two parrots last night," he wrote. "They were mean, so I put them in a cage. I also got myself a different kind of a parrot, but I've got him in a pen."

"What kind of a contract did you get at Milner's this year? Boy, get a good one, because I want something to come back to."

Brother Copas has been in the South Pacific for nine months.

Slangy Remarks

(Editor's Note—Because truck drivers have language all of their own, the fellow just starting in the business frequently is unable to understand what the heck an old-timer is talking about. For the benefit of the newcomers, but mostly for the fun of it, we will devote some space each month in THE INDIANA TEAMSTER to explaining the language of Teamsters.)

When a Teamster Says:

"Cop Caller"
"Boom Wagon"
"I Can Catch"
"Soup Jockey"

He Means:

"Noisy Brakes"
"Nitroglycerine Truck"
"Interstate Commerce Commission"
"Waitress in an all-night lunchroom"

(We need the help of all Teamsters in keeping this guide to truck drivers' slang up-to-date. Send your latest expressions and their meanings to the editor, THE INDIANA TEAMSTER, 28 West North Street, Indianapolis.)

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LOCAL 193

By FRANK M. FRIEL

THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OF LOCAL NO. 193 WILL BE AT 8 P. M. MONDAY, MAY 17, AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF INDIANAPOLIS JOINT COUNCIL NO. 69.

Brother Thomas Eaton, former recording secretary of Local No. 193, is vacationing in sunny Florida while in the service of Uncle Sam. Says he is driving a truck in the M. P.'s and likes it fine.

Many of the former Aero Mayflower drivers are returning to their old jobs and seem well satisfied with the new wage agreement reached by the company and Local No. 193.

Brother Richard Scott, of the Blvin Transfer and Storage Company, has been inducted into the armed forces. Dick says he is anxious to get a crack at those dirty Japs. Remember Dick, that there is no bag limit either.

Brother Claude Stettler, of the Radio Transfer Company, also has been inducted into the armed forces and is equally as anxious as Scott to get his swat at the enemy. We are all wishing the both of you

Teamster Enlists Quickly in Drive For Defense Aids

When a campaign to obtain 5,000 additional civilian defense volunteers opened recently in Indianapolis, the first man to sign up for auxiliary police duty was James K. Summers, long a member of Indianapolis Local No. 135.

Brother Summers is employed as a driver by Transamerican Freight Lines, Inc.

all the luck in the world, and hope it won't be long before you return home.

Local No. 193 has started negotiations with the various parcel delivery companies and hopes to reach an agreement soon.

LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEVEN TOTL

LOCAL NO. 520 MEETS AT 8:00 P. M. ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH AT 4616 INDIANAPOLIS BOULEVARD, EAST CHICAGO, IND.

We certainly were sorry to hear that James Lawrence was killed in New Orleans, La. He was crushed between his truck and a locomotive while working for Cooney Brothers. James was a former member of Local No. 520 and Local No. 142.

The poker-playing members are sure sorry that Brother K. Casey Krall of Shoenberg Furniture left for the army. He was so nice when he came to meetings. Yes, he donated. Good luck to you, Casey, in your new venture, and hurry back home.

We have opened our McKeown Transportation and Oil Cartage contracts.

We signed up the C. W. Huber Oil Company of Crown Point on their oil cartage men, and also came to an agreement with Motor City Express Company, obtaining a raise in pay for their city men.

A \$5-a-week raise has been agreed to by the Baking Industry and Local Unions Nos. 142, 362 and 520. Briefs have been sent to Washington for approval by the War Labor Board. Keep your fingers crossed, bread men.

Watch your tires, buddy.

Truck tires are getting scarce, and you had better be darn careful with those you have.

The rationing board of which I am a member has received a 30 per cent cut in its truck tire quota. And from the dope I get the situation looks bad.

I wonder if Old Man Drewry of South Bend ever is going to drink that glass of beer that he keeps in front of him while he writes his diary.

So the pot-bellied B. A. from Evansville has lost his teeth. I never knew that drinking "cokes" affected the teeth. Too bad, Birdsong. I think you had better move to South Bend (if they will let you) and help Old Man Drewry drink his mug of beer. Ha! Ha!

